

**CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Quarterly Report for the Period January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021**

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CARES Act (H.R. 748), which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.”

This report describes the use of HEERF funds received by Frederick Community College under Award Number P425E202788.

CERTIFICATION

Frederick Community College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

FUNDING

Frederick Community College has been allocated a total of \$1,851,890 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the HEERF. Frederick Community College has received \$925,945 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The total cost of providing direct aid to Frederick Community College students is \$925,945, 100% of which is funded by the above referenced grant award from the U.S. Department of Education’s Education Stabilization Fund.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

Between January 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021, a total of \$67,645 in Emergency Financial Aid grants was distributed to 382 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS

During this quarter, the estimated total number of students at Frederick Community College who were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was 1,262.

METHODOLOGY

The following methodology was used to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

All students who a) had filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); b) had previously been determined by Frederick Community College to meet eligibility criteria outlined by the U.S. Department of Education; c) had previously confirmed they incurred additional expenses related to the disruption to campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic; and d) had received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant in 2020 were reviewed for eligibility. Of the students who were reviewed for eligibility, those who met Title IV eligibility and had an Expected Family Contribution of 9,999 or less were provided with supplemental Emergency Aid grants of approximately \$177.

INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

On May 24, 2020, Frederick Community College established a webpage (<https://www.frederick.edu/cost-financial-aid/cares-act.aspx>) to report on CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and inform students and the community. This webpage includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions. This webpage was updated on April 6, 2021.

Students who received supplemental Emergency Financial Aid grants were informed via email when their grant had been disbursed. Email communications sent to students' myFCC email account included an email address and phone number should students have questions or need assistance.